

Printed Name Required for Odometer Disclosure

Policy Reminder

An odometer disclosure signed by an individual must also include their hand-printed name.

Procedures

If an odometer disclosure is required from a buyer or seller who is:

- An individual, the form must contain **both**:
 - Their original signature.
 - Their hand-printed name in their own writing.
- A business, the form must contain **both**:
 - An original signature by an authorized agent.
 - The name of the business which may be hand-printed, typed, or computer-generated.

Continue to follow established odometer disclosure requirements in *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* section 5.015.

EXCEPTION: Electronic signatures are currently accepted through a pilot program on applications for salvage certificates for Farmers Insurance Exchange only.

Background

The Federal Truth in Mileage Act of 1986 requires the department to collect odometer mileage disclosures for original and transfer applications for specific vehicles. The hand-printed name requirement for odometer disclosures by individual buyers and sellers is not being consistently followed due to the wide-spread use of computer programs to complete forms by industry customers. It is important to collect the hand-printed name because it is used by law enforcement in odometer fraud cases.

References

Code of Federal Regulations Title 49 §§580.5(c) and 580.5(f)

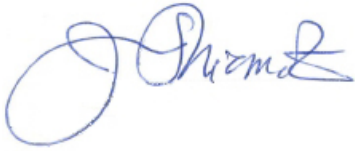
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §5.015

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Call the DMV Customer Communications Section, at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo. Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Shiimoto". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and a cursive script for the rest of the name.

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